

*Suggested Talking Points for Jack's Opening Statement at Public Meeting;
3/24/95*

1. Statement of what the Review Board is, and is not

- our goal is to follow the law and allow the American public to see the records and decide for themselves what occurred on that tragic day in Dallas on November 22, 1963

- we are not conducting a re-investigation of the assassination

- use phrases such as:

"lifting the veil of secrecy"

"opening the secret JFK files"

"intend to operate in an atmosphere of openness"

2. Review of Board's Progress to Date

- funding in October, 1994

- building staff

- moved into offices

- meeting with federal agencies

- developing definition guidance on what an "assassination record" is

- public meetings in Washington

- public hearings in Washington and Dallas

- preliminary review of documents

- visited the LBJ Library in November

- visited the JFK Library yesterday

3. Future Plans

- have laid the ground work to begin the review of documents in earnest

4. Reason for Public Meeting Today

- Fulfill our obligation to operate publicly
- Seeking input on where to find assassination records and hope to gain some insight from these witnesses today
 - the Congress said to take advantage of the expertise of those who have researched the assassination
 - We look forward to allowing the public to see work on what we view as an historically important task

5. Thank the Senate President and the House Speaker for allowing us to hold this public meeting in the State House today